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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Friday, 14 November 1997*

#### SECURITY COUNCIL

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| 11 a.m. | consultations of the whole (closed) | Consultation Room |

Tajikistan (S/1997/859 and S/1997/887)*

Sierra Leone**

Other matters

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* To be followed by a formal meeting.
** Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-second session*

**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 23rd meeting | Conference Room 1 |

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all agenda items (items 62-83) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 17th meeting | Conference Room 1 |

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [88] (A/52/209; A/C.4/52/L.9/Rev.1)

*General debate*

*Adoption of draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.9/Rev.1*

SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 |

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals A/C.2/52/L.7 and L.9 (item 99 (b)), A/C.2/52/L.16 (item 96 (a))

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 |

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals A/C.2/52/L.12 (item 97 (b)), A/C.2/52/L.15 (item 97 (c)), A/C.2/52/L.16 (item 96 (a)) and A/C.2/52/L.13 (item 96 (b))

## THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 36th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Human rights questions [112] (A/52/3, A/52/116, A/52/173, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/262, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/347, A/52/432, A/52/ 437, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)] (A/52/468, A/52/469 and Add.1, A/52/473, A/52/474, A/52/475, A/52/483, A/52/489, A/52/494, A/52/498, A/52/548, A/52/567, A/52/477, A/52/66, A/52/81-S/1997/153, A/52/85-S/1997/180, A/52/117, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/133-S/1997/348, A/52/134-S/1997/349, A/52/135, A/52/151, A/52/182, A/52/204, A/52/205)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)] (A/52/497, A/52/502, A/52/515, A/52/527, A/52/472, A/52/476, A/52/479, A/52/484, A/52/486/Add.1/Rev.1*, A/52/490, A/52/493, A/52/496, A/52/499, A/52/505, A/52/506, A/52/510, A/52/522, A/52/583, A/52/61-S/1997/68, A/52/64, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/170)

4. Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [112 (d)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

5. Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [112 (e)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

   *Introductory statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights*

   *Dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights*

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 37th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [109]

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.40 and Corr.1*

2. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.36*

3. Advancement of women [105]

   *Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.15/Rev.1*

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107]

   *Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.27, L.28*, L.29* and L.30*

5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [108]

   *Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.24, L.25 and L.39*

6. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110]

   *Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.32*

7. Right of Peoples to Self-determination [111]

   *Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.33 and L.34*

8. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

   *Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.35 and L.37*

9. Human rights questions [112] (A/52/3, A/52/116, A/52/173, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/262, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/347, A/52/432, A/52/ 437, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

10. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)] (A/52/468, A/52/469 and Add.1, A/52/473, A/52/474, A/52/475, A/52/483, A/52/489, A/52/494, A/52/498, A/52/548, A/52/567, A/52/477, A/52/66, A/52/81-S/1997/153, A/52/85-S/1997/180, A/52/117, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/133-S/1997/348, A/52/134-S/1997/349, A/52/135, A/52/151, A/52/182, A/52/204, A/52/205)

11. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)] (A/52/497, A/52/502, A/52/515, A/52/527, A/52/472, A/52/476, A/52/479, A/52/484, A/52/486/Add.1/Rev.1*, A/52/490, A/52/493, A/52/496, A/52/499, A/52/505, A/52/506, A/52/510, A/52/522, A/52/583, A/52/61-S/1997/68, A/52/64, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/170)

12. Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [112 (d)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

13. Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [112 (e)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

    *Continuation of the general discussion*

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## FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 29th meeting | Conference Room 3 |

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [113] (A/52/261, A/52/381 and A/52/518)

   (b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/52/5/Add.4)

   (c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/52/5/Add.5)

   *Continuation of general discussion*

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [143] (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/426, A/52/464 and A/C.5/52/12)

   *Conclusion of general discussion*

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| Morning*-1 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206 and A/52/267))

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* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

## SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 29th meeting | Conference Room 4 |

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [152] (A/52/304 and Add.1 and Corr.1, A/52/37, A/C.6/52/L.3)

Amendment to article 13 of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal [155]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.11*

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| 3 p.m. | 30th meeting | Conference Room 4 |

United Nations Decade of International Law [146]

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [152] (A/52/304 and Add.1 and Corr.1, A/52/37, A/C.6/52/L.3)

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| Afternoon*-6 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 4 |

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the International Law Commission

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* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting.

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## COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

*Nineteenth session*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 8th meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

General debate and consideration of substantive questions

Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subjects*

1. Executive session on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

2. Draft report (United Nations International Drug Control Programme)

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-97: Currency and inflation (A/C.5/51/57)

## UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | 633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96) |
| 2.30 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | 633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96) |

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THIRD COMMITTEE

*Dialogue*

There will be a dialogue with the Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ms. Sandra Mason, *today*, 14 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

*Briefing*

There will be an informal briefing for interested delegations by the secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission on the work and functioning of the International Civil Service Commission *today*, 14 November 1997, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Friday, 14 November 1997*

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(on items 98 (g), 12 and 97 (f))*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

AFRICAN GROUP:
GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP

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| 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room B |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
*(on the programme budget)*

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| 1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(on items 97 (f) and (h) and 100)*

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| 2 p.m.-3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
*(at the ambassadorial level)*

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 3 |

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**Informal consultations**

Informal consultations will be held to discuss the draft resolution concerning the security of humanitarian personnel (agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)) *today*, 14 November 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited.

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There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 39 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea: law of the sea) *today*, 14 November 1997, at 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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**Briefing**

The human rights Special Rapporteurs and Representatives on country and thematic mandates will hold a briefing for non-governmental organizations *today*, 14 November 1997, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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**Symposium**

A symposium on the theme: "The United Nations and the Global Environment in the 21st Century: From Common Challenges to Shared Responsibilities", organized by the United Nations University, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will be held *today*, 14 November 1997, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and *tomorrow*, 15 November, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

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**Announcement**

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Monday, 17 November 1997*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-second session*

**Committees**

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

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| 10 a.m. | 18th meeting | Conference Room 2 |

SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 |
| 3 p.m. | 41st meeting | Conference Room 4 |
| Afternoon* | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 |

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 38th meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m. | 39th meeting | Conference Room 1 |

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 30th meeting | Conference Room 3 |

SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 31st meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| 3 p.m. | 32nd meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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*Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)*

The 13th meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) will be held on Monday, 17 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider further the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950).

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

*Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)*

In accordance with the announcement made by the President of the General Assembly on 27 October 1997, the Coordinator of the Informal Consultations on item 20 and all its sub-items, H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria), will hold the second meeting of the Informal Consultations on Tuesday, 18 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8, for an exchange of views on the questions to be considered under the item and on the organization of the work of the Informal Consultations.

Bearing in mind that the debate on item 20 is scheduled to be held in the Plenary on Monday, 24 November, delegations are invited to present any initiative (draft resolution) they might have to the informal meeting on 18 November.

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## SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

**The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 18th meeting on Monday, 17 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to begin consideration of agenda item 89 (Questions relating to information). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda item 89 are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-3380, tel: 963-9223).**

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## SECOND COMMITTEE

*Informal meetings*

**Under the auspices of the Second Committee, the following executive briefings will be held:**

*Monday, 17 November 1997*, **from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4: Ms. Mary Robinson, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, on "Human rights and development";**

*Wednesday, 19 November 1997* **from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.: Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, on "Peace building and development";**

*Thursday, 20 November 1997* **from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.: Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, on "Humanitarian crises and development".**

**The conference rooms will be announced in due course.**

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## THIRD COMMITTEE

**The Third Committee will continue to hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:**

*On 17 November*: **Mr. van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq), Mr. Copithorne (Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran), and Mr. Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi).**

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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## Briefings

On behalf of the Friends of Microcredit at the United Nations, the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, will hold an informal briefing on the follow-up of the Microcredit Summit held in Washington D.C. from 2 to 4 February 1997, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, on Monday, 17 November 1997, at 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The main presentation will be given by Professor Muhammad Yunus, Managing Director, Grameen Bank. In addition, a presentation will be given by Mr. Sam Daley-Harris, Director, Microcredit Summit Campaign. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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The Commonwealth Secretary-General, H.E. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, will hold a briefing for the Permanent Representatives of Commonwealth Member States of the United Nations on Tuesday, 18 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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## Informal presentation

The International Labour Organization Liaison Office in New York will hold a seminar on "The ILO and the Australian workplace" on Thursday, 20 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The speaker will be Mr. Nick Ruskin, industrial relations lawyer.

# SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 12 November 1997*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

**49th plenary meeting**

*Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency* [14]:

*(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/52/285);*

*(b) Draft Resolution (A/52/L.13)*

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ukraine, Kenya, Cuba and Hungary.

Statements in explanation of the vote before the vote were made by the representatives of India, Iraq and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Assembly proceeded to a vote on draft resolution A/52/L.13. The results were as follows:

| | *Yes* | *No* | *Abstentions* |
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| Draft resolution A/52/L.13 Third preambular paragraph (recorded vote) | 137 | 4 | 1 |
| Draft resolution A/52/L.13 Operative paragraph 7 (recorded vote) | 114 | 2 | 18 |
| Draft resolution A/52/L.13 as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/11) | 151 | 1 | 5 |

Statements in explanation of the vote after the vote were made by the representatives of China, Pakistan, Viet Nam, the Russian Federation, Israel, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Nicaragua and Uganda.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Azerbaijan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Armenia and the Republic of Korea.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 14.

*United Nations reform: measures and proposals* [157]:

*(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950 and Add.1 to 6)*

*(b) Draft Resolution (A/52/L.17)*

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.17.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Algeria, Ecuador, Pakistan, Cuba, Papua New Guinea and Swaziland.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.17 (resolution 52/12).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Colombia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Egypt, Mexico, Norway, Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), China, the Syrian Arab Republic, Indonesia, Japan, Israel, the Republic of Korea, Brazil and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The President informed members that the Assembly would continue its consideration of agenda item 157 at a later stage.

## Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 21st meeting

*Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 62 to 83 (A/C.1/52/INF/1)*

The Committee continued the fourth phase of its work, namely, action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.39/Rev.1.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.39/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of position before the vote on draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.8/Rev.1, the representative of the Niger made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.8/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

General statements on draft resolutions dealing with disarmament machinery were made by the representatives of Mexico, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and Pakistan.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.16 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.20 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.21 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.9 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and Israel.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.10/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 138 to none, with 8 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representative of the Republic of Korea made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.12 was adopted by a recorded vote of 104 to 3, with 38 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Albania.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.14* was adopted by a recorded vote of 88 to 42, with 17 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representative of China made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.18* was adopted without a vote.

Draft decision A/C.1/52/L.13 was adopted by a recorded vote of 96 to none, with 48 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.45* was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, Egypt, Israel and India.

In explanation of its position on draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.34/Rev.1, before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Ukraine.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.34/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

The representatives of Liberia, Jordan and the Dominican Republic made statements.

The representative of Iraq made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

*Thursday, 13 November 1997*

## SECURITY COUNCIL

3832nd meeting

*The situation between Iraq and Kuwait*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1997/51).

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tenth emergency special session

6th plenary meeting

*Resumption of the tenth emergency special session*

The President of the General Assembly declared resumed the tenth emergency special session of the Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution ES-10/3 of 15 July 1997.

The President drew the attention of delegations to documents A/ES-10/17, A/ES-10/18 and A/ES-10/19.

The President informed members that, in accordance with rule 63 of the rules of procedures of the General Assembly, the President and the Vice-Presidents of the fifty-second session would serve in the same capacity at the resumed tenth emergency special session.

On the proposal of the President, the General Assembly decided that the Credentials Committee at the resumed tenth emergency special session would consist of the same members as those appointed at the fifty-second session.

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/ES-10/3/Add.2)*

The General Assembly took note that Chad, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Grenada, the Republic of Moldova and Togo had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

*Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory* [5]:

*(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/ES-10/16 and Add.1);*

*(b) Draft resolution (A/ES-10/L.3)*

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate during the resumed tenth emergency special session.

In accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Senegal (Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People), Jordan, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, India, Indonesia, Algeria, Bangladesh, Guyana, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Colombia, Malaysia and Ukraine.

7th plenary meeting

*Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory* [5]:

*(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/ES-10/16 and Add.1);*

*(b) Draft resolution (A/ES-10/L.3)*

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, the Russian Federation, Zimbabwe, Tunisia, the United States, Pakistan, Yemen, South Africa, Namibia, Kuwait, the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its sixth plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

The representative of Jordan made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/ES-10/L.3.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Swaziland, Canada, Japan and Norway.

By 139 votes in favour to 3 against, with 13 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/ES-10/L.3 as orally revised (resolution ES-10/4).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Australia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel and the Republic of Korea.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and Egypt.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement.

The General Assembly thus temporarily adjourned its tenth emergency special session.

Fifty-second session

**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

The Committee continued the fourth phase of its work, namely, action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items.

The representatives of Japan and Algeria introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/52/L.27/Rev.1 and A/C.1/52/L.36/ Rev.1, respectively.

General statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Japan.

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.36/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of their positions after the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Israel and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement drawing attention to the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.6 contained in document A/C.1/52/L.50

Draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.6 was adopted without a vote.

SECOND COMMITTEE 40th meeting

*Environment and sustainable development* [98]

*(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa*

*(d) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction*

The Committee began consideration of the item and had before it the documentation listed in the *Journal*.

A statement was made by the representative of Italy, on behalf of the President of the First Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

Introductory statements were made by the Executive Secretary of the Convention to Combat Desertification and the Director of Secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and the associate country, Cyprus, aligned themselves with this statement), Benin (on behalf of the African Group of States), the Marshall Islands, Japan, Botswana (also on behalf of Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Mozambique, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe), Mexico, Madagascar, Israel, Tunisia, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Iceland, Ghana, Turkey, China and the Niger.

The representative of the United Nations Development Programme made a statement.

41st meeting

*Environment and sustainable development* [98]

*(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa*

*(d) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction*

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of San Marino and Senegal.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Meteorological Organization and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on agenda item 98 (b) and (d).

*Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research* [100]

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the Joint Inspection Unit made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina and the Dominican Republic.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on agenda item 100.

*Macroeconomic policy questions* [95]

*(b) Trade and development*

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of the United States.

*Right of reply*

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Sudan.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 34th meeting

*Human rights questions* [112]

*(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

*(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

*(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

*(e) Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), Mrs. Elizabeth Rehn, made a presentation.

The representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia made a statement in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg, made a presentation.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan, Mr. Gaspar Biro, made a presentation.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda, Mr. Michel Moussali, made a presentation.

The representative of Rwanda made a statement in response to the presentation of the Special Representative.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Cuba, Mr. Carl Johan Groth, made a presentation.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Iraq, Costa Rica and the United States of America.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Holy See.

35th meeting

*Promotion and protection of the rights of children* [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Draft amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.25, contained in A/C.3/52/L.39*

The representative of the United States introduced the proposed amendments to draft the draft resolution.

*Elimination of racism and racial discrimination* [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft proposals*

*Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.31*

The Chairman announced that Turkey should have been an original sponsor to the draft resolution.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and Turkey, introduced the draft resolution.

*Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.32*

The representative of Slovenia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Belgium, Croatia, El Salvador, Portugal and Turkmenistan, introduced the draft resolution.

*Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.38*

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, Mexico and Turkey, introduced the draft resolution.

*Right of peoples to self-determination* [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft proposals*

*Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.33*

The representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Algeria, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

*Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.34*

The representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

*Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.41*

The representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Brunei Darussalam, introduced the draft resolution.

*Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments* [112 (a)]

*Introduction of draft proposals*

*Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.35*

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Cape Verde, Guatemala, Guyana, Nigeria and Yemen, introduced the draft resolution.

*Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.37*

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Hungary, New Zealand, Monaco, Panama and Portugal, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

*Human rights questions* [112]

*(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

*(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

*(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

*(e) Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee resumed its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Albania, Lebanon, Cameroon, Sri Lanka and Singapore.

The representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo made a statement in response to the presentation by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire).

*Right of reply*

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, the Niger, Iraq, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Nigeria, Uganda and China made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

*Organization of work*

The Committee was informed about the programme of work for Friday, 14 November.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 27th and 28th meetings

Note: The summary of the 27th and 28th meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/222).

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY 189th meeting

The Chairman spoke.

*Consideration of the addendum to the report of the Committee and the draft recommendations and conclusions (A/AC.154/1997/CRP.2/Add.1 and A/AC.154/1997/CRP.3)*

The Rapporteur introduced the addendum and the draft recommendations and conclusions.

A statement was made by the observer for Cuba.

Statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, the United Kingdom, Cyprus, the Russian Federation, Spain, Costa Rica, Canada and the United States.

The Committee adopted the addendum and the recommendations and conclusions and thus adopted its annual report as a whole.

*Other matters*

The Chairman spoke.

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**International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 1997

305th and 306th meetings

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [4]

The Committee considered the second periodic report of Portugal (CAT/C/25/Add.10).

In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

## SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

### [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 12 December 1995*

*Acceptance:* United Arab Emirates (11 November 1997)*

*United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994*

*Accession*: Jamaica (12 November 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations announces that a special signing center has been set up in room C-209B (between the Security Council and Trusteeship Council Chambers) for the purpose of accepting signatures from prospective co-sponsors of a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Volunteers: 2001", which will be introduced to the General Assembly on 20 November under agenda item 12. The center will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. until *today*, 14 November. For further information, please contact Mr. Yutaka Yoshino (521-1526) of the Japanese Mission.

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**Training courses for permanent missions**

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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